

Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

of

ALSTEAD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

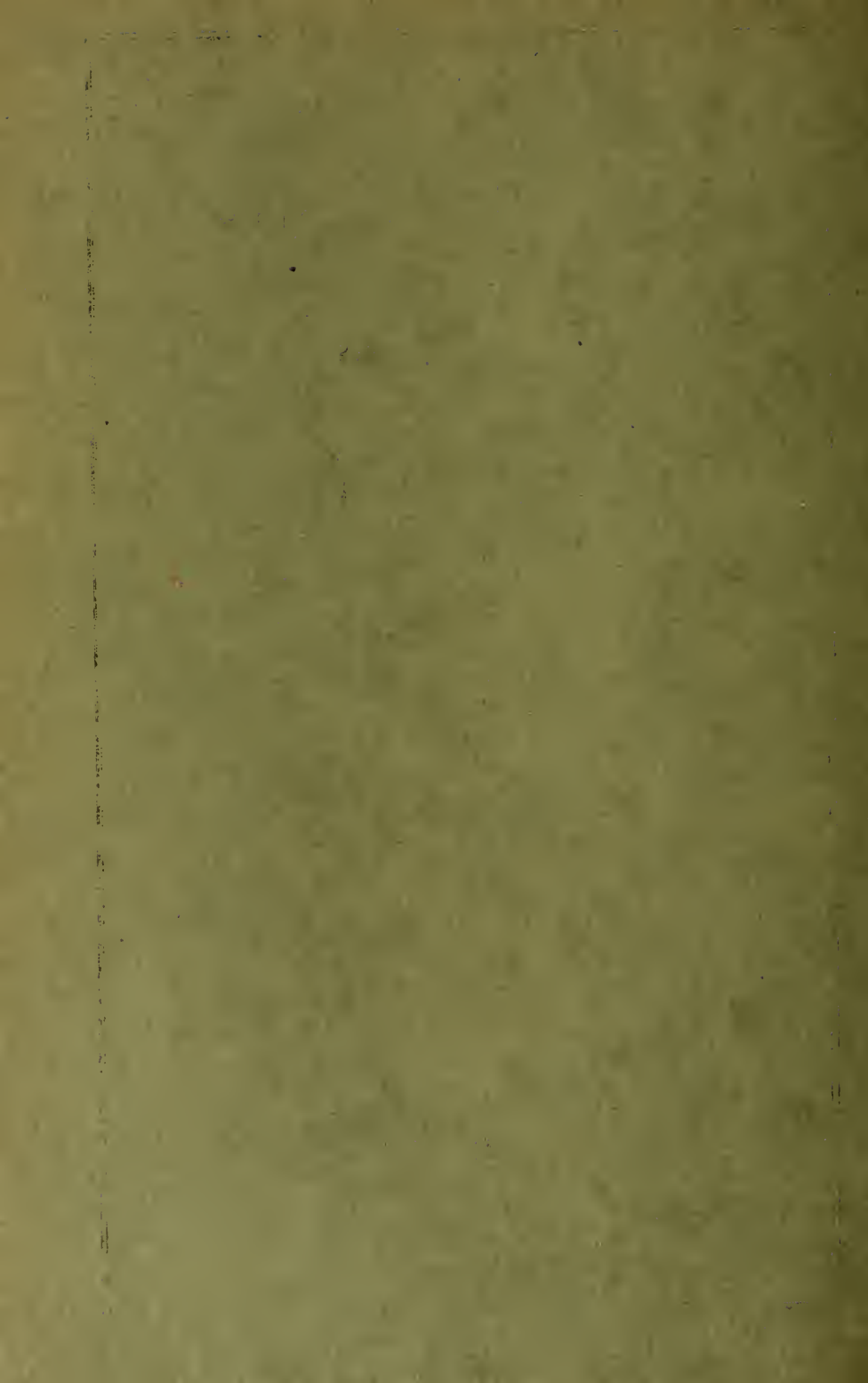
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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

ROBERT M. BRACKETT BENJAMIN H. BRAGG
BURTON G. DANA

Treasurer

DONALD W. MOORE

Town Clerk

HENRY C. METCALF

Road Agent

EARL M. PITCHER

Supervisors

ROY H. BUSS BRAINERD R. TAYLOR
EARL M. PITCHER

Moderator

H. LEROY ESTABROOK

LEON M. TROW HERBERT D. GALE
JOHN H. ALLEN GUY S. NEAL

Tax Collector

LEONARD F. BRAGG

Auditors

MARION BATH LEON M. TROW

Trustees of Trust Funds

DONALD W. MOORE ROBERT M. BRACKETT
H. LEROY ESTABROOK

School Board

GILMAN O. ELLIS MARY C. BURROUGHS
MAYBELLE H. STILL

Library Trustees

CHAUNCEY J. NEWELL EDITH H. CHASE
HARRIETT WHITTON FRANK C. DUSTIN
ALICE C. MOORE

Librarian

LAURA MacLANE

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

Cheshire, ss:

To the inhabitants of Alstead qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the ninth (9th) day of March, A. D. 1948 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose the following officers, town clerk, town treasurer, one selectman for three year, tax collector, overseer of poor, one or more road agents, auditors, constables, library trustees, trustees of trust funds, fence viewers, cemetery committee, sextons, park commissioners, measurers of wood and surveyors of lumber, and other town officers required by law or as the voters may direct.

Art. 2. To see what sums of money the town will raise for ordinary town charges, old age assistance, and for the support of the poor.

Art. 3. To see what sums of money the town will raise for highways and bridges.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise to oil the village streets, the Slade Hill Road, and the T. R. A. Road to Alstead Center.

Art. 5. To see if the town will raise \$1,233.00 for the construction of the Alstead-Gilsum road and call for State assistance, the State to contribute \$3,699.00.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 8. To see if the town will raise \$25.00 for water rent for the town hall and watering trough.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the library.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for Memorial Day.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of parks and playgrounds.

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise \$1,158.34 to reduce state aid construction notes.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise \$1,729.00 to reduce the Road Grader note.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$82.00 (1/100th of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise for fire protection and for the support of the fire company and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care and maintenance of the town clock.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$400.00 for the control of Pine Blister Rust.

Art. 20. To hear reports of the Sidewalk Committee and pass any vote relating thereto, and raise money for the same.

Art. 21. To hear reports of the Committee and see what sum of money the Town will raise for the erection of a Town memorial to World War II veterans.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take to purchase or rent and maintain land for a public dump, and raise money for the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot System, as defined by Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws as amended by Chapter 22 of the Laws of 1943 and Chapter 171 of the Laws of 1945.

Art. 24. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February, A. D., 1948.

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJ. H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,

Selectmen of Alstead.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJ. H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,

Selectmen of Alstead.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1948 TO DEC. 31, 1948
COMPARED WITH
ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS
YEAR JAN. 1, 1947 TO DEC. 31, 1947

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
From state:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$1,219 73	\$1,301 06	\$1,300 00
Savings bank tax	270 00	302 88	300 00
For fighting forest fires	164 66	73 93	100 00
From local sources except taxes:			
Business licenses and permits	6 00	8 00	8 00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	117 00	73 00	150 00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	170 00	156 41	160 00
Income from trust funds	2,890 15	2,996 43	2,890 15
Income of departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	368 00	457 50	368 00
Income from municipally owned utilities:			
(b) Electric light depart- ments (Vilas Pool)	15 00	15 00	15 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	941 47	1,294 35	1,294 35
Sale of town property		120 00	100 00

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes:			
Truck and snowplow		2,800 00	
From local taxes other than property taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—Regular @ \$2	528 00	738 00	738 00
(b) National bank stock taxes	12 50	12 50	12 50
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$6,702 51	\$10,349 06	\$7,736 00
*Amount to be raised by property taxes		36,365 82	
Total revenues		\$46,714 88	

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1947	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1948
Current maintenance expenses:			
General government:			
Ordinary town charges	\$3,000 00		
Town officers' salaries		\$1,655 00	\$1,655 00
Town officers' expenses		221 89	225 00
Election and registra- tion expenses		51 00	150 00
Auto permits		145 24	150 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings		205 57	200 00
Protection of persons and property:			
Police department		60 00	60 00
Fire department	1,000 00	854 76	1,000 00
Moth extermination-- blister rust	400 00	400 00	400 00
Health:			
Town dump	300 00	118 25	500 00
Vital statistics		22 25	23 00
Oiling streets and roads	1,200 00		2,500 00
Highways and bridges:			
Town maintenance	8,000 00	7,860 13	7,500 00
Town maintenance, snow fence	200 00	235 80	
Street lighting	862 50	862 44	850 00
Town road aid	611 29	611 29	
Water rent	25 00	25 00	25 00
Public welfare:			
Town poor	800 00	399 59	800 00
Old age assistance	800 00	1,016 83	1,000 00
Patriotic purposes:			
Memorial day and veterans' associations	40 00	40 00	40 00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1947	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1948
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds	150 00	100 00	100 00
Public service enterprises:			
Cemeteries and fence	400 00	351 34	300 00
Town clock	25 00	23 32	25 00
Unclassified:		1,080 58	
Advertising and regional associations	79 00	79 00	82 00
Interest:			
On temporary loans		572 62	
Outlay for new construc- tion and perm. improve.			
Highways and bridges:			
State aid construction— town's share			1,233 00
Sidewalk construction	2,500 00		
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal of debt:			
(a) Bonds, snowplow note	800 00	800 00	800 00
(b) Long term notes	1,158 34	1,158 34	1,158 34
(c) Grader note	1,500 00		1,729 00
(d) Payment to capital re- serve funds		3,878 00	
Payments to other govern- mental divisions:			
County taxes		2,069 54	2,069 54
Payments to school districts	22,130 00	16,182 09	22,130 00
Total expenditures	\$45,980 63	\$41,079 86	\$46,714 88

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD
 For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the audited official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 1, 1948.

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
 BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
 BURTON G. DANA,

Selectmen.

DONALD W. MOORE,

Treasurer.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Land and buildings	\$647,428 00
Growing wood and timber	73,963 00
Electric plants	41,960 00
Horses, 92	9,350 00
Mules, 1	25 00
Oxen, 10	2,200 00
Cows, 243	26,600 00
Other neat stock, 81	7,830 00
Sheep and goats, 8	80 00
Fowls, 390	390 00
Vehicles	500 00
Portable mills, 7	8,300 00
Wood and lumber	8,315 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,865 00
Stock in trade	13,820 00
Mills and machinery	12,375 00
	\$855,001 00

Less soldiers' exemptions	32,650 00
Total on which tax is figured	<hr/> \$822,351 00

Town tax rate \$5.15.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED IN 1947

Town charges	\$3,000 00
Fire department	1,000 00
Blister rust	400 00
Town road aid	611 29
Town maintenance	7,500 00
Graveling east road	500 00
Snow fence	200 00
Truck and snow plow	800 00
Oiling streets and Slade hill	1,200 00
Street lighting	862 50
Sidewalk construction	2,500 00
Public dump	300 00
Purchase of Spaulding land	25 00
Town grader note	1,500 00
Old age assistance	800 00
Town poor	800 00
Memorial Day	40 00
Parks and playgrounds	150 00
Water rent	25 00
Cemeteries	400 00
Payment on road note	1,158 34
Monadnock region	79 00
Town clock	25 00
County tax	2,069 54
School tax	22,130 00
Total town and school appropriations	<hr/> \$48,075 67
Less estimated dividend tax	\$1,219 73
Savings bank tax	270 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	941 00
Vilas fund	2,775 00

Vilas Pool light	15 00	
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		5,220 73
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		\$42,854 94
Plus overlay		288 64
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		\$43,143 58
Less poll taxes	\$780 00	
National bank stock taxes	12 50	
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		792 50
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Amount to be raised by property on which rate is figured		\$42,351 08

Taxes to be committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$42,351 08
Poll taxes	780 00
National bank stock taxes	12 50

Estimated total taxes to be committed to collector	\$43,143 58
Tax rate: \$5.15.	

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
Selectmen of Alstead.

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$9,332 04
Accounts due to the town:	
Due from state:	
(b) Town road aid	4 71

Unredeemed taxes:

(b) Levy of 1946	538 91
(c) Levy of 1945	213 46
(d) Previous years	365 08

Uncollected taxes:

(a) Levy of 1947	8,475 93
(b) Levy of 1946	170 34
(c) Levy of 1945	33 73

Total assets	\$19,134 20
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	1,990 53
Grand total	<hr/> \$21,124 73
Net debt—December 31, 1946	\$6,487 24
Net debt—December 31, 1947	1,990 53
Decrease of debt	<hr/> \$4,496 71

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:

Unexpended balances of
special appropriations:

Road grader note	\$1,500 00
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Due to school districts:

(a) Dog licenses	286 94
(b) Balance of appropriation	9,930 00

Long term notes outstanding:

Savings Bank of Walpole:

Road grader note	5,187 00
Truck and snowplow	2,800 00
S.A.O. road note	1,420 79

Total liabilities	\$21,124 73
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RECEIPTS

Current revenue:

From local taxes.

(Collected and remitted
to treasurer)

	\$34,043 61	
1. Property taxes—current year	538 00	
3. National bank stock taxes	12 50	
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4. Total of current year's taxes collected and remitted		\$34,594 11
5. Property taxes—previous years		4,174 87
6. Poll taxes—previous years—regular @ \$2		200 00
8. Interest received on taxes		156 41
9. Tax sales redeemed including interest		207 66

From state:

11. Interest and dividend tax	\$1,301 06
13. Savings bank tax	302 88
17. Fighting forest fires	73 63
18. Bounties	241 50

From local sources,
except taxes:

22. Dog licenses	309 82
23. Pistol permits	8 00
25. Rent of town property, road grader	457 50
27. Income from town hall	73 00
28. Income fire departments	56 13
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 permits	1,294 35

Receipts other than current revenue:

31. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	6,500 00
32. Long term notes during year	2,800 00

37. Trust funds	2,996 43	
A. R. Winham bank book	199 82	
Shadow Land lot	20 00	
Kimball land	100 00	
Vilas Pool light	15 00	
Cemetery lot	50 00	
Sale of boiler	15 00	
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Total receipts from all sources		\$56,147 17
Cash on hand January 1, 1947		8,757 62
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Grand total		\$64,904 79

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance Expenses:

General government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$1,655 00
2. Town officers' expenses	221 89
3. Election and registration expenses	51 00
4. Insurance	131 48
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	205 57

Protection of persons and property:

6. Police department, includ- ing care of tramps	60 00
7. Fire department, including forest fires	854 76
8. Moth extermination—blister rust	400 00
9. Bounties	145 00
10. Damage by dogs expense	22 88
Auto permits	145 24

Health:

12. Vital statistics	22 25
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Highways and bridges:

14. Town road aid	611 29
15. Town maintenance	7,860 13

16.	Street lighting	862 44
17.	General expenses of highway department, truck and snow plow	3,600 00

Public welfare :

19.	Old age assistance	1,016 83
20.	Town poor	399 59

Patriotic purposes :

22.	Memorial day and veterans' associations	40 00
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Recreation :

24.	Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	100 00
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Public service enterprises :

27.	Cemeteries	351 34
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Unclassified :

		545 49
29.	Damages and legal expenses	56 27
30.	Advertising and regional associations	79 00
31.	Taxes bought by town	538 91
32.	Snow fence	235 80

Total current maintenance expenses	\$20,212 16
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Interest :

33.	Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$572 62
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Total interest payments	\$572 62
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Indebtedness :

45.	Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$11,500 00
47.	Payments, S.A.O. road note	1,158 34
48.	Payments to capital reserve funds	3,878 00

Total indebtedness payments	\$16,536 34
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Payments to other govern- mental divisions:	
52. Taxes paid to county	\$2,069 54
54. Payments to school districts	16,182 09
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Total payments to other govern- mental divisions	18,251 63
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Total payments for all purposes	\$55,572 75
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	9,332 04
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Grand total	\$64,904 79

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$10,000 00
Furniture and equipment	900 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	125,000 00
Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	150 00
4. Fire department, lands and buildings	3,000 00
Equipment	3,500 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings	700 00
Equipment	12,100 00
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	10,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	155,000 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds:	
Shadow land lot No. 29	100 00
Other Shadow land lots	680 00
French-Blake land	50 00
Land and buildings—Crosby	225 00
Town car	150 00
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Total	\$326,555 00

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT IN ACCOUNT WITH
DOG LICENSES**

Alstead, N. H. Dec. 31, 1947

Number of male and spayed female dogs @ \$2.00, 99	\$198 00
Number of female dogs @ \$5.00, 19	95 00
Number of dogs licensed for part year, 6	14 92
Number of kennel licenses, 1—2 males, 2 females, 4	12 00
Amount received for 24 fines	15 50
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	\$335 42
Less fees for 128 dogs	25 60
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	\$309 82
Amount paid treasurer	\$309 82

I hereby certify the above report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1947

Taxes committed to collector:

DR.

Property taxes	\$42,351 61
Poll taxes	780 00
Nat'l bank stock taxes	12 50
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	\$43,144 11

Added taxes:

Res. polls	\$22 00
Property	25 82
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	\$47 82
Interest collected	2 26

\$43,194 19

CR.

Pty. and Nat'l bank stock taxes	\$34,056 11
Interest collected	2 26
Polls	538 00
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	\$34,596 37

Abatelements allowed:

Polls	\$14 00
Pty.	107 89
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	121 89

Uncollected as per collector's list:

Polls	\$250 00
Pty.	8,225 93
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	8,475 93
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	\$43,194 19

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1946
Uncollected as of January 1, 1947
DR.

Polls		\$256 00
Property tax	\$4,308 51	
Less to correct error in last report; uncollected tax reported as collected	2 85	
	<hr/>	4,305 66
Corrected total uncollected		<hr/> \$4,561 66
Added taxes:		
Polls	\$2 00	
Property	none	
	<hr/>	2 00
Interest collected		153 72
		<hr/> \$4,717 38

CR.

Property taxes		\$4,171 32
Interest collected		153 72
Polls		200 00
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Amount collected and turned in to treasurer		\$4,525 04
Abatements allowed:		
Polls	\$22 00	
Property	none	
	<hr/>	\$22 00
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1948, per collector's list:		
Polls	\$36 00	
Property	134 34	
	<hr/>	170 34
		<hr/> \$4,717 38

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1945

Uncollected Balance as of January 1, 1947

DR.

Property tax	\$39 95	
Regular polls	8 00	
Special polls	12 00	
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		\$59 95
Interest collected on property taxes		43
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		\$60 38

CR.

Interest collected:

On property taxes	\$ 43	
Property	3 55	
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Amount collected and turned in to treasurer		\$3 98
Abatements allowed:		
On pty. tax	\$2 67	
Spec. polls	12 00	
Reg. polls	8 00	
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		\$22 67
Uncollected as per collector's list		33 73
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		\$60 38

L. F. BRAGG,
Collector.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1947	\$8,757 62
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Received from:

H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, dog licenses	309 82
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, auto taxes	1,294 35
L. F. Bragg, collector, 1945 taxes	3 98
L. F. Bragg, collector, 1946 taxes	4,525 04
L. F. Bragg, collector, 1947 taxes	34,596 37
L. F. Bragg, collector, taxes redeemed	207 66
Cash borrowed, temporary loans, Charlestown	6,500 00
Cash borrowed, long term note, Walpole	2,800 00

Received from:

Selectmen, bounties	241 50
Selectmen, forest fires	73 63
Selectmen, credit fire department	56 13
Selectmen, rent of town hall	73 00
Selectmen, interest and dividends tax	1,301 06
Selectmen, savings bank tax	302 88
Selectmen, Vilas estate	2,996 43
Selectmen, unclassified	407 82
Earl M. Pitcher, road agent, rent of grader	457 50

Total receipts	\$64,904 79
Selectmens orders paid	55,572 75

Cash on hand, January 1, 1948	\$9,332 04
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DON W. MOORE,
Treasurer.

VILAS POOL ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Cash on hand, January 1, 1947		\$5,685 14
Received from Vilas Estate		2,264 20
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Total receipts		\$7,949 34
Orders paid		3,435 19
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Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1948		\$4,514 15
Savings bank	\$4,221 68	
Check account	292 47	

We, the Auditors of the Town of Alstead have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correct with proper vouchers.

MARION I. BATH,
LEON M. TROW,

Auditors.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

R. M. Brackett, selectman, 1947	\$300 00
B. H. Bragg, selectman, 1947	300 00
B. G. Dana, selectman, 1947	300 00
H. L. Estabrook, moderator	5 00
Leon M. Trow, auditor	20 00
Marion Bath, for services of Richard Bath, auditor	20 00
L. F. Bragg, tax collector	300 00
Don W. Moore, town treasurer	200 00
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk	150 00
Morris S. Ring, overseer poor	60 00
	<hr/> \$1,655 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Chase's Book Store, supplies	\$29 68
Leon M. Trow, stamps for auditors	2 27
Wheeler & Clark, stamp	2 03
Postmaster, stamps	45 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, auditors notices	1 59
D. L. Garrison, auto guide	4 50
Postmaster, envelopes for town clerk	34 88
L. M. Trow, officers bonds and insurance	65 00
Maurice C. Pitcher	8 75
B. H. Bragg, expense on town car	10 50
G. H. Tilden & Co., record book	5 50
Don W. Moore, treasurers expense	9 99
H. C. Metcalf, town clerks expense	2 20
	<hr/> \$221 89

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Leon R. Blanchard, services	\$5 00
Willard C. Kelley, services	16 00

B. H. Bragg, care of tramps	4 00
W. D. Hayes, services	35 00
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	\$60 00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

B. R. Taylor, supervisor	\$3 00
Roy H. Buss, supervisor	24 00
Earl M. Pitcher, supervisor	24 00
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	\$51 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$1,000 00
Received from town of Langdon	14 00
Received from town of Acworth	32 13
Received from Walter Burroughs	10 00
Refund from state, forest fire patrol	37 10
Refund from state, forest fire	36 53
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	\$1,129 76

Paid:

Granite State Electric Co.	\$12 00
V. Richard Chambers, supplies	45 65
Leon M. Trow, insurance	12 50
Guy Dodge, labor	5 00
H. C. Metcalf, paint	22 64
W. C. Kelley, coil	1 50
Howe Fire Co., repairs	3 51
Floyd Bellows, painting fire house	20 00
Frank C. Dustin, labor and supplies	52 00
E. A. Parker, labor and repairs	7 15
Stanton Dennison, labor and trucking	55 55
Marx Hardware, supplies	3 75
Leon Mousley, care water holes	3 00
Fire Department payroll	342 73
Kane & Healy, oil	111 71
South Woods forest fire	81 87
Forest fire patrol	74 20
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	\$854 76
Balance	\$275 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET Estimated Expenditures for 1948

Meetings and drills	\$220 00
Completing Monty water hole	75 00
Insurance	12 50
Lights	12 00
Oil	111 77
Care of water holes and equipment maintenance	78 00
Hose and supplies	290 00
Fires	150 00
Miscellaneous	50 73
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	\$1,000 00

STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised	\$862 50	
Received from Vilas Pool, street light	15 00	
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	\$877 50	
Amount paid		\$862 44
Balance	\$15 06	

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Paid:

C. J. LaFrank, lumber for tramp house	\$23 82	
R. M. Brackett, wood	54 00	
A. B. Lufkin, janitor	75 00	
H. C. Metcalf, stove pipe	1 05	
New England Telephone Co.	24 00	
Granite State Electric Co.	24 33	
H. L. Estabrook, supplies	3 17	
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		\$205 57
Received from Warren Pond Grange	\$40 00	
Received from selectmen	33 00	
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	\$73 00	

VILAS POOL REPORT

Cash on hand December 31, 1946	\$5,685 14
Received from Vilas fund	2,264 20

Total receipts	\$7,949 34
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EXPENDITURES

Superintendent	\$635 75
Life guards	654 50
Other help	847 30
Telephone and lights	129 67
Insurance	126 00
Other expenses, including shingling	1,041 97
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	\$3,435 19

TOWN POOR

Amount raised	\$800 00
Received from A. R. Winham bank book	199 82
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	\$999 82

Paid County of Cheshire care of A. R. Winham	\$399 59
Balance	\$600 23

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised	\$800 00
Paid	\$1,016 83

MEMORIAL

Amount raised	\$40 00
Paid C. P. Britton Post No. 57	\$40 00

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Amount raised	\$150 00
Balance of 1946	88 55
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	\$238 55

Paid H. D. Gale	\$100 00
Balance	\$138 55

AUTO PERMITS

Paid H. C. Metcalf	\$145 24
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BOUNTIES

Paid		\$145 00
Received from state for 1946	\$96 50	
Received from state for 1947	145 00	
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	\$241 50	

DOGS

Received from H. C. Metcalf	\$309 82	
Paid H. C. Metcalf, refund		\$2 25
Wheeler & Clark, tags		12 13
Brown & Saltmarsh, license book		5 50
Ross Ayer, destroying dog		3 00
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		\$22 88

VITAL STATISTICS

Paid W. C. Goodwin	\$ 25
Paid H. C. Metcalf	22 00
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	\$22 25

PAID OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Paid County tax	\$2,069 54
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Paid trustees of trust funds	\$3,878 00
Amount raised 1946	\$3,878 00

INTEREST

Paid Conn. River National Bank	\$417 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, contractor note	155 62
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	\$572 62

RECEIVED ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Due Conn. River National Bank 1946	\$5,000 00
Conn. River National Bank temporary loan	6,500 00
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Paid Conn. River National Bank	\$11,500 00

CEMETERIES

Amount raised	\$300 00	
Paid Frank Clark		\$165 00
Paid Leon M. Trow		135 00
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		\$300 00

EAST ALSTEAD CEMETERY FENCE

Amount raised	\$100 00	
Paid W. H. Bodine & Sons, pipe		\$19 24
Edward Griffin, labor,		8 00
Leon M. Trow, labor		7 00
R. M. Brackett, labor		15 00
C. E. Hatch, cement		2 10
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		\$51 34

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS

Amount raised	\$22,130 00	
Balance due school district 1946	3,982 09	
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	\$26,112 09	
Paid school treasurer		\$16,182 09
Due school district 1947 dog tax	\$286 94	
Balance due school district	\$10,216 94	

PUBLIC DUMP

Amount raised	\$300 00	
Paid John Pickul, burning		\$50 40
Paid Edward Griffin, burning		17 85
Paid Frank Monty, use of dump		50 00
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(in unclassified)		\$118 25
Balance	\$121 75	

SPAULDING LAND (In Unclassified)

Amount raised	\$25 00	
Paid		\$25 00

WATER RENT (In Unclassified)

Amount raised	\$25 00	
Paid Shedd-Porter Library		\$25 00

TOWN CLOCK (In Unclassified)

Amount raised	\$25 00	
Paid Maurice Pitcher, repairs		23 32
Balance	\$1 68	

S. O. A. ROAD NOTE

Amount raised	\$1,158 34	
Paid		\$1,158 34
Balance due on note	\$1,420 79	

T. R. A. ROAD

Balance 1946	\$3,132 14	
Raised by town	611 29	
Raised by state	2,445 17	
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	\$6,188 60	
Amount expended		\$6,183 89
Balance due from state	\$4 71	

UNCLASSIFIED

Paid:

Sentinel Printing Co., for town reports		\$239 40
C. J. Spaulding, for land		25 00
H. C. Metcalf, express on town reports		2 00
R. M. Braekett, tax and road meeting with ear	\$14 00	
B. G. Dana, tax and road meeting with ear	14 00	
B. H. Bragg, road meeting	5 00	
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		33 00
Maurice Pitcher, for town clock repairs		23 32
Nelson Burnham, installing light, town hall		10 50
Ronald King, for curtains for town ear		20 00
Shedd-Porter Library, for water rent		25 00
James Brooks, cutting tree from river		3 00
H. C. Metcalf for paint		45
G. H. Tilden & Co., for Journal		5 50
Bragg Lumber Co., glass for town hall		1 96
F. A. Stanley, repairs on town ear		28 11
Association of N. H. Assessors, dues		8 00
N. H. City & Town Clerks Assn., dues		2 00

Expense of public dump		118 25
	<hr/>	\$545 49

TOWN ROADS

Amount raised highways and bridges	\$7,500 00	
Amount raised special appropriation	500 00	
Amount raised oiling streets and		
Slade hill	1,200 00	
Received for rent of grader	457 50	
	<hr/>	\$9,657 50
Orders drawn by selectmen		\$7,860 13
Balance	\$1,797 37	
Oil for streets and Slade Hill not used.		

SNOW FENCE

Amount raised	\$200 00	
Paid Dubie Test Supply Co.		\$235 80
Overdraft	\$35 80	

MONADNOCK REGION

Amount raised	\$79 00	
Paid Karl G. Upton		\$79 00

N. H. FOREST DEPT.

Amount raised	\$400 00	
Paid		\$400 00

TRUCK AND SNOW PLOUGH

Amount raised	\$800 00	
Long term note	2,800 00	
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Paid Fred Carman		

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
Selectmen of Alstead.

We hereby certify that we examined the accounts of the
Selectmen and find them correct with proper vouchers.

LEON M. TROW
MARION I. BATH,

Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

1947
JANUARY

Heman Chase, bill	\$17 70
Turner Bellows, plowing	69 00
Fred Carman, plowing and sanding	280 20
Harold Grant, truck	15 20
Morris Ring Jr., labor	30 00
George Henry, labor	4 90
Stanton Dennison, labor	24 50
Robert Trask, truck sanding	35 00
Fred Carman, plowing and sanding	268 70
Turner Bellows, plowing	21 00
Raymond Buckley, plowing	75 00

FEBRUARY

Joe Meader, truck	26 40
C. E. Hatch, truck	5 00
Turner Bellows, plowing	78 00
Fred Carman, plowing and sanding	110 00
Robert Trask, plowing and sanding	47 20
Wallace Bascom, labor	15 00
Earl Miller, labor	17 50
Raymond Buckley, plowing	50 00
Fred Carman, plowing	350 90
Fred Carman, plowing Pine Grove Cemetery	18 00

MARCH

Turner Bellows, plowing	163 50
R. A. Carman, labor	17 15
F. W. Whitcomb, plowing with bulldozer	458 84
Harold Lund, plowing	15 00
Robert Trask, plowing	32 00
Fred Carman, plowing	229 00
Fred Carman's road account to March meeting.	
Robert Trask, truck north road	10 00

Earl Pitcher, truck and man	16 00
Casellini Venable Corp. order No. 56374	16 65
Casellini Venable Corp., order No. 56499	14 14

APRIL

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	33 75
Maurice Pitcher, operating grader	30 50
Fred Carman, shovel	16 00
Fred Carman, truck	30 40
Robert Trask, truck	30 40
Richard Jefts, labor	21 00
Earl Pitcher, labor—truck	25 00
Maurice Pitcher, operating grader	19 00
Fred Carman, truck	17 30
Fred Carman, shovel	35 00
Robert Trask, truck	17 30
Carrol Hatch, truck	13 30
Ernest Ball, truck	13 30
Ernest Batchelder, truck	17 30
Harold Grant, truck	17 30
Richard Jefts, labor	11 00
Earl Pitcher, truck—labor	33 75
Maurice Pitcher, operating grader	27 50
Fred Carman, shovel	85 00
Fred Carman, truck	40 00
Robert Trask, truck	37 50
Ernest Batchelder, truck	40 00
Ernest Ball, truck	43 25
Arthur Marx, truck	40 00
Lenard Balla, truck	40 00
Carrol Hatch, truck	37 50
Harold Grant, truck	20 00
Richard Jefts, labor	18 75

MAY

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	50 00
Maurice Pitcher, operating grader	36 00
Richard Jefts, labor	27 00
Hugh Clark, labor	1 75
Rosco Clark, labor	1 75

C. LaFrank, plank for bridge	76 90
Fred Carman, 105 gal. fuel oil 2 gal. oil and gasoline for April	13 17
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc., Diesel oil, gear oil—lube	129 71
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	50 50
Richard Jefts, labor	26 25
Fred Carman, shovel and bulldozer	15 00
Robert Trask, truck	6 25
Ernest Ball, truck	7 50
Lenard Balla, truck	6 25
Ernest Batcher, truck	5 00
Carrol Hatch, truck	4 40
Sidney Pratt, honeing and turning water	22 20
Clarence Simonds, labor	5 00
Berger Metal Culvert Co. of N. E.	83 84
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	49 50
Richard Jefts, labor	18 50
C. Spalding, 64 yds. gravel	6 40
Percy Ball, 90 yds. gravel	9 00
Burton Dana, 210 yds. gravel	21 00
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	30 00
Richard Jefts, labor	20 25
William Kemp, labor	3 00
Robert Trask, truck	3 80

JUNE

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	63 25
Richard Jefts, labor	18 00
Edward Newark, labor	6 00
Arthur Marx, truck	12 00
Markham Lumber Co., 72 ft. plk. @ .07 per ft.	5 04
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	48 75
Richard Jefts, labor	27 75
Herbert Sprague, truck	24 00
Wilbur Sprague, labor	18 00
Guy Parker, truck	16 15
Guy Parker, helper	6 38
Howard Hardware Co., brooms, rakes, shovels, forks	20 18

Willard Croto, labor	6 00
Lenard Balla, truck	20 00
Robert Trask, truck	32 50
Earl Pitcher, truck and labor	43 75
Richard Jeffs, labor	28 50
Robert Trask, truck	95 00
Lenard Balla, truck	37 50
Ernest Batchelder, truck	37 50
Carrol Hatch, truck	37 50
Randolph Awalt, labor	12 00
Fred Carman, shovel	75 00
Goodyear Service Store one 1300 x 24	
Grader tire	103 99
William Gout, labor	6 00
Jesse Gout, gravel, 336 yds.	33 60

JULY

Special on Gilsum Road

Earl Pitcher, truck and labor	27 50
Richard Jeffs, labor	20 25
Fred Carman, shovel	162 50
Robert Trask, truck	67 50
Lenard Balla, truck	47 50
Carrol Hatch, truck	11 87
Ernest Batchelder, truck	47 50
Joseph Sylvester, truck	45 00
Town of Charlestown, truck	45 00
Edward Nowark, labor	13 50
State of N H., 380 yds. gravel @ \$.10 per yd.	38 00

End Gilsum Road Account

Earl Pitcher, truck and labor	31 25
Richard Jeffs, labor	12 38
Edward Nowark, labor	10 50
Fred Carman, shovel	40 00
Robert Trask, truck	20 00
Lenard Balla, truck	20 00
Ernest Batchelder, truck	20 00
Carroll Hatch, truck	20 00
Ernest Ball, truck	20 00

Town of Gilsum, gravel	12 00
Earl Pitcher, truck and labor	48 00
Richard Jefts, labor	27 00
Robert Trask, truck	20 00
Robert Bolster, labor	21 00
Fred Carman, 288 gal. fuel May 1 to July 12th	30 82
Earl Pitcher, truck and labor	36 00
Richard Jefts, labor	16 50
Robert Bolster, labor	12 00
Ernest Ball, truck	35 00
Arthur Whitcomb, Duffee Mix	57 16
H. P. Welch Co., freight on Grader blades	1 08
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc., grader oil pump	14 75
Earl Pitcher, truck and labor	21 25
Earl Pitcher, labor on Grader, June 9-16	
54 hrs. @ \$1.00 per hr.	54 00
Richard Jefts, labor	12 00
Robert Bolster, labor	2 25

AUGUST

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	51 87
Richard Jefts, labor	31 12
Robert Bolster, labor	24 75
Carroll Hatch, truck	17 10
Robert Trask, truck	20 00
Joseph Sylvester, truck	13 90
Berger Metal Culvert Co. of N. E.	59 88
Casellini Venable Corp., cutting edges for Grader	17 97
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	5 00
Richard Jefts, labor	2 25
Robert Bolster, labor	2 25
Donald McLane, labor	2 25
Robert Trask, truck	7 50
Albert Meader, cold patch	4 00
Markham Lumber Co., lumber, bridge	26 76
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	10 00
Richard Jefts, labor	6 00
Robert Bolster, labor	6 00
Donald McLane, labor	6 00

SEPTEMBER

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	5 00
Richard Jefts, labor	6 00
Robert Bolster, labor	6 00
James Mitchell, labor	6 00
Noyes & Whitehill Hdw Co., traffic paint	2 75
Lynn Tire Co., repairing tire	17 25
Carl Pratt, painting line	2 00
Howard Hdw Co., tools for road	23 43

OCTOBER

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	25 00
Richard Jefts, labor	13 50
Robert Bolster, labor	13 50
Franklin Haskins, labor	13 50
James Mitchell, labor	13 50
Carroll Hatch Jr., labor	16 50
Carroll Hatch, truck	17 10
Casellini Venable Corp., 2 end bits	14 06
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc., winter oil	57 75
Willard Burroughs, labor on town barn	12 00
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	50 00
Earl Pitcher, cash paid out, Metcalf spikes	
Kmer welding	5 79
Richard Jefts, labor	20 25
Robert Bolster, labor	33 75
James Mitchell, labor	33 75
Arthur Whiteomb, shovel	30 00
Ernest Batcher, truck	12 50
Leonard Balla, truck	23 25
Carroll Hatch, truck	17 50
Ernest Ball, truck	15 00
Harold Stoddard, truck	22 20
Town of Walpole, truck	18 60
Town of Walpole, truck	15 00
Edward Murdough, truck	18 60
Arthur Pelton, truck	12 50
Arlton Clark, gravel, 155 yds. @ .15 per yd.	23 25
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	11 25

Richard Jefts, labor	6 75
Robert Bolster, labor	6 75
James Mitchell, labor	6 75

NOVEMBER

Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	18 75
Earl Pitcher, 5 ton salt from BT	10 00
Robert Bolster, labor	12 00
James Burnham, labor	1 13
Carroll Hatch, truck	15 20
Fred Carman, fuel, 138 gal. to date	14 80
Percy Ball, gravel, 35 yds. to date	3 50
International Salt Co., 100 bags and freight	85 71
Robert Trask, truck	45 60
Robert Bolster, labor	18 00
Earl Pitcher, labor and truck	10 00
Earl Pitcher, 5 qts. Zerex for grader	3 31
Robert Trask, truck	45 60
Robert Bolster, labor	18 00
Lyle Kemp, labor and team	24 00
Fred Carman, bulldozer	5 00
Fred Carman, 2 gal. Zerex for grader	5 30
Gilman Ellis, 6 filters for grader	6 95

DECEMBER

Earl Pitcher, labor	16 25
Robert Trask, p. snow	15 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	4 25
Frank Whitecomb, oil filters for grader	4 60
Earl Pitcher, labor	28 75
Robert Trask, truck	13 75
Robert Trask, plowing	6 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	1 70
Earl Pitcher, labor	15 00
Robert Trask, truck	38 75
Fred Carman, labor	11 50
Clyde Rich, labor	4 67
Roy Carman, labor	5 10
Stanton Dennison, labor	5 95
Robert Bolster, labor	13 17

Earl Pitcher, labor	36 25
Fred Carman, labor, snow plow	37 50
Clyde Rich, labor	14 45
Earl Pitcher, labor	36 25
Earl Pitcher, cash pd. for repair links	1 50
Fred Carman, fuel 137 gal.	16 85
Fred Carman, tire chains	16 00
C. J. Newell, gas for town truck	24 80
Alstead Garage, gas, oil, Zerex. chain, tube and labor	31 45
Robert Trask, plowing snow with truck	10 50
Stanton Dennison, labor	2 97
Gilman Ellis, labor	42 00
Wallace Bascomb, labor	19 12
Charlie LaFrank, plank 22 ft. @ .06 per ft.	1 32
Walter Savory, labor	8 50
Walter Burroughs, bridge stringer, 210 ft. at .06 per ft.	12 60

Total	<u>\$7,860 13</u>
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Received for rental of grader:

From State of N. H.	\$400 00
From Gilsum, N. H.	47 50
From Carman	10 00
	<u>\$457 50</u>

SUMMARY

Amount raised	\$9,200 00
Orders drawn	7,860 13
	<u>\$1,339 87</u>
Credits	457 50
	<u>\$1,797 37</u>
Unused balance	

EARL M. PITCHER,
Road Agent.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR ACCOUNT FOR 1947

Town poor:

Amount raised at 1947 town meeting	\$800 00
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Paid out:

A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Apr.	5	59	00
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	May	3	30	00
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	June	7	31	00
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	July	5	30	00
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Aug.	16	31	00
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Sept.	6	44	29
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Oct.	4	42	86
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Nov.	15	44	29
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Dec.	6	42	86
A. R. Winham acct., Cheshire County Farm,	Jan. 6 '48	44	29	00
				\$399 59
Total for A. R. Winham				\$399 59
Overseer of the poor, salary				60 00
				\$459 59
Grand total				\$459 59

Credit:

March 31, 1947, A. R. Winham bank book	\$199 82
Town poor balance	\$540 23

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised at 1947 town meeting	\$800 00
Amount paid out	\$1,016 83
Overdraft	\$216 83

Since January 1, 1948, three more families have been added to the list being aided by the town poor account.

Signed,

MORRIS S. RING SR.

Overseer of the Poor.

January 22, 1948.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

January 1, 1948

Name of Fund	Principal	Dividend	Expended Library	Expended Schools	Expended Cemetery	Balance
Warren Monument Fund	\$5,262 00	\$105 76		\$84 76	\$21 00	
Shedd-Porter Library	75,625 85	2,798 44	\$2,798 44			
Kimball Library Fund	2,465 19	49 53	49 53			
Carpenter Library Fund	500 00	10 05	10 05			
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650 00	141 00	141 00			
Kingsbury School Fund	606 00	12 12		12 12		
Cemetery Trust Funds	39,060 00	896 45			655 65	\$2,650 47
Capitol Reserve Fund--						
Alstead Elem. School	3,878 00	none				

H. L. ESTABROOK,
DON W. MOORE,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

I, the auditor of the town of Alstead have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Alstead and find them correct for the year ending December 31, 1947, with proper vouchers.

MARION I. BATH,

Auditor.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance Overdrawn
Holbrook	\$200 00	\$ 80		\$4 56	\$3 76	
Wells & Smith	510 00		\$ 84	11 62	12 46	
Edith Kimball	200 00			4 56	4 56	
Gibson	100 00	1 28		2 28	1 00	
Browne	500 00		2 47	11 40	13 87	
Lovell	200 00		1 95	4 56	6 51	
Elwell	100 00	1 28		2 28	1 00	
Porter-						
Wentworth	100 00	2 78		2 28		\$ 50
Banks	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
J. C. Kimball	500 00		1 04	11 40	12 44	
Mary A.						
Dinsmore	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Milliken	100 00	6 28		2 28		4 00
Shepard	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Hatch (Graves)	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Emerson	100 00	1 78		2 28	50	
Breed (Green)	100 00	4 28		2 28		2 00
Wood	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Smith	200 00	55		4 56	4 01	
Glover	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Fay	100 00		31	2 28	2 59	
W. W. Dinsmore	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
Blake	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Procter (Meriam)	100 00	2 28		2 28		
Vine Porter	200 00		3 54	4 56	5 00	\$3 10
Fred L. Prentiss	100 00	5 28		2 28		3 00
Charles E. Cook	100 00	2 78		2 28		50
Patridge	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
Rogers	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
Colburn	250 00	2 44		5 70	3 26	
Lucy Porter	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
Belt (French)	100 00	13 44		2 28		11 16
Chandler	100 00	78		2 28	1 50	
Vilas	1,000 00	55 05		22 80	10 00	42 25
Wallace	100 00	2 78		2 28		50
Eveline A. Hatch	200 00	1 86		4 56	2 70	
Charles H. Cook	100 00	44		2 28	1 84	
John V. Green	100 00		2 19	2 28	4 47	
Harlon P. Ware	300 00		5 67	6 84	12 51	
Marshall F.						
Bragg	100 00		2 56	2 28	4 84	
William Cheever	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
Samuel Watts	100 00	28		2 28	2 00	
Charles E. Kent	200 00		3 90	4 56	8 46	
Charles L. Linsley	100 00	7 28		2 28		5 00
Arthur E. Wilder	200 00	10 36		4 56		5 80

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Overdrawn
George Newell	100 00	28		2 28	2 00		
John S. Chivers	100 00	4 78		2 28			2 50
Mary Ellen Hills	100 00	4 32		2 28			2 04
Burge-Stillings	100 00	2 57		2 28			29
John R. Jefts	100 00	1 32		2 28	96		
Charles E. Ellis	100 00	11 57		2 28			9 29
Wilder Brothers	6,000 00		593 24	138 11	51 03	680 32	
Mary J. Elliott	10,000 00		853 34	230 00	150 00	933 34	
Hiram E. Page	100 00	28		2 28	2 00		
Frank E. Trow	100 00	28		2 28	2 00		
Amy V. Bonticou	600 00		7 40	13 68	12 00	9 08	
J. Franklin							
Weaver	100 00	28		2 28	2 00		
Hattie J. Mitchell	500 00		6 47	11 48	5 00	12 95	
Ryder-Clark	100 00	78		2 28	1 50		
George & Nancy							
Wilder	10,000 00		1,024 01	230 50	200 00	1,054 51	
John H. Allen	100 00		97	2 28	3 25		
Hovey-Allison	100 00	03		2 28	2 25		
Harlan J. Pratt	100 00	53		2 28	1 75		
David Clay	100 00		97	2 28	3 25		
Miller Fund	200 00		1 95	4 56	6 51		
Willis E. Crabtree	500 00		36 37	11 40	7 77	40 00	
George E. Porter	100 00		97	2 28	3 25		
George E. Cater	100 00		97	2 28	3 25		
Newell-McLane	100 00		97	2 28	3 25		
W. F. Gilman	100 00		97	2 28	3 25		
Elizabeth A.							
Mitchell	200 00		1 95	4 56	6 51		
Heywood Fund	100 00		2 22	2 28	4 50		
Elmer B. Rhoades	100 00		1 22	2 28	3 50		
Milton C. Dodge	100 00		2 22	2 28	4 50		
William G. Baer	200 00		6 45	4 56	5 01	6 00	
Washburn-							
Sevrens	200 00			4 56	4 56		
Walter E. Wilson	100 00			2 28	2 28		
Herbert W.							
Greene	100 00			2 28	2 28		
Milan F. Greene	100 00			2 28	2 28		
Gowan-Dickey	200 00			4 56	4 56		
Harry W. Jewett	200 00			4 56	4 56		
Oliver Pratt	100 00			2 28	2 28		
Charles Franch	100 00			2 28	2 28		

\$39,060 00	157 46	2,567 13	896 45	655 65	2,739 30	88 83
		157 46	2,409 67	2,650 47	88 83	

\$2,409 67 3.306 12 3.306 12 2,650 47

Cash on hand January 1, 1948

\$2,650 47

H. L. ESTABROOK,
DON W. MOORE,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
SHEDD-PORTER LIBRARY FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1948**

Received from Shedd-Porter fund	\$2,798 44	
Received from water rents	161 00	
Received from interest on bonds	31 25	
Received from Warren fund	141 00	
Received from Kimball fund	49 53	
Received from Carpenter fund	10 05	
Received from refund on books	2 32	
Expended for salaries		\$1,191 00
Expended for books		568 05
Expended for magazines		138 00
Expended for fuel		406 02
Expended for telephone		64 99
Expended for lights		56 15
Expended for unclassified		449 97
Expended for deposited in Walpole Bank		500 00
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	\$3,193 59	\$3,374 18
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1947	2,838 93	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1947		2,658 34
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	\$6,032 52	\$6,032 52

Unclassified:

Elmer Hanry, cutting trees	\$6 15
S. C. Dennison, cutting trees	3 75
E. A. Tuttle, drawing away trees	2 50
Albert Knicely, work on water system	4 00
Frank Dustin, work on water system	10 00
W. R. Kelley, work on water system	8 00
R. H. Buss, express	3 50
C. J. Newell, wood \$5. salt, gas, work on water system	18 20
Bodine, thermostat, lining furnace, new parts	123 65
Crowley, electrical work	18 25

H. A. Pederson, paint, oil, supplies, work	131 05
H. C. Metcalf, supplies	13 82
H. H. Hartwell, work on lawn mower	6 65
Pardon Harrington, repairs of typewriter	9 00
Marx Hardware, supplies	11 14
Mrs. Booker, story hour	5 00
Mrs. Mary Whitton, cleaning	4 50
E. M. Pitcher, trucking coal	70 71

\$449 97

Assets Savings Bank of Walpole	\$3,870 63 plus int.
U. S. Bonds	1,000 00

C. J. NEWELL,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Library Trustees and find them correct with proper voucher.

LEON M. TROW,
MARION BATH,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian I hereby submit my annual report.

For the thirty-seventh year our town has enjoyed the use of a beautiful library building as well as many books and magazines. During the summer visitors have exclaimed over our unusually fine building.

Looking back over the year I recall the happy children that came for six Saturday afternoons in February and March to listen to Mrs. Booker tell them stories.

From January to June Mrs. Cutting had a collection of our books in her home for pupils of the East Alstead School and Mrs. Edith Chase has been carrying on the work since September 1947. The same as in past years Mrs. Bryant has selected books for the use of the people of Langdon.

During Book Week all the pupils of the first eight grades visited the library. Mrs. Marguerite Areher read stories to the pupils of the first and second grades. The librarian explained to the other grades the use of the card catalogue and read selections from the new books.

Our circulation in 1947 has been somewhat larger than in 1946. It is of interest to note that the library was used to the greatest extent in March, July and November and that the average books and magazines circulated during a month was 909.

Number of books added by purchase	313
Number of books added by gift	5
Number of magazines received	45
Daily paper	1
Weekly paper	2

RECORD OF CIRCULATION FOR BOOKS AND
MAGAZINES

Fiction	5,347
Non-fiction	1,413
Juvenile	1,750
Magazines	2,404
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Total	10,914

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA N. MacLANE,

Librarian.

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board: Gilman Ellis, Chairman; Mrs. Mary C. Burroughs; Miss Maybelle Still.

Moderator: Benjamin Bragg.

Clerk: Mrs. Laura MacLane.

Treasurer: H. L. Estabrook.

Auditor: Leon M. Trow.

Superintendent: Theron B. Thompson, Walpole.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 9th of March 1948 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officers, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To hear the report of the building committee and take any action thereon.

10. To see if the district will appropriate one-half of one per cent of the town valuation to continue the capital reserve fund for the purpose of building an elementary school building in Alstead village.

11. To see if the district will authorize the school board to borrow money and issue bonds in anticipation of the construction of a new school building.

12. To see what action the district wishes to take in advising the school board in regard to permitting use of Vilas School by non-school groups.

13. To see what sum the district will vote to raise and appropriate for new equipment for the Vilas School cafeteria.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Alstead the second day of February, 1948.

GILMAN ELLIS,
MISS MAYBELLE STILL,
MRS. MARY C. BURROUGHS,
School Board.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

GILMAN ELLIS,
MISS MAYBELLE STILL,
MRS. MARY C. BURROUGHS,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1947

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	\$6,564 63
Federal aid for vocational education	1,126 52
Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	4,957 26
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	16,602 74
Dog licenses	279 35
Tuitions	6,097 52
Income from local trust funds	4,292 88
Rent from Lawton house to Sept. 1, 1947	280 00
Other receipts	51 26
Federal Works Agency	1,200 00
Federal Lunch Program	884 92
	\$42,337 08

PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers	\$300 00
Superintendent's salary	576 00
School census	10 00
Expenses of administration	353 10
Teachers salaries	21,382 00
Text books	522 26
Scholars' supplies	685 13
Flags	5 28
Expenses of instruction	420 56
Janitor service	1,955 50
Fuel	1,524 49
Water, light and janitor supplies	1,573 94
Health supervision	465 80
Transportation of pupils	5,681 96

Elementary school tuition	230 71
Other special activities and school lunches	893 15
Tax for state wide supervision	324 00
Insurance and retirement funds	917 11
New equipment	247 35
Lawton house	93 22
Building committee fund	7 70
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Total payments	\$38,916 62
Cash on hand June 30, 1947	3,420 46
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	\$42,337 08

ITEMIZED REPORT

Salaries of principals and teachers:

	Salary	Tax	Paid
Daniel Metcalf	\$3,100 00	\$332 05	\$2,767 95
Martin Mitchell	2,700 00	271 10	2,428 90
Grete Rule	1,650 00	212 45	1,437 55
Jean Kelliher	1,700 00	225 50	1,474 50
Gretchen Ray	1,700 00	225 50	1,474 50
Ruth Wilson	2,000 00	278 10	1,721 90
Mae Dennison	1,600 00	276 05	1,323 95
Madeline Merrill	555 00	29 15	525 85
Alice Ball	1,550 00	132 50	1,417 50
Laura Edney	1,600 00	138 45	1,461 55
Mildred Moulthrop	1,650 00	212 45	1,437 55
Margaret Haynes	1,355 00	175 25	1,179 75
Substitutes	222 00		
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			\$21,382 00

Janitor service:

Willard Kelley	\$1,660 00
Clifford Marvin	222 00
Margaret Haynes	66 00
L. E. Partridge	7 50

Fuel:

Cota & Cota	1,098 15
Prentiss Haines	60 00
William Lamb	93 00
Howard Hardware Co.	213 92
Earl Pitcher	59 42

Transportation:

Hugh Talbot	2,499 72
Hugh Clark	692 00
Jesse Grout	692 00
Harold Lund	519 00
Herman Britton	555 00
Ralph Haskins	510 00
Mrs. Fred Rice	33 00
John Adams, (bus insurance)	59 84
Leon Trow, (bus insurance)	9 97
Harold O. Pierce, (bus insurance)	41 39
Keating Insurance	49 03
G. H. Aldrich & Sons	21 01

REPORT OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947

Received from selectmen, town appropriation	\$16,602 74
Received from dog tax 1946	279 35
Received from trustees of trust funds, Warren fund	129 83
Received from trustees of trust funds, Kingsbury fund	12 12
Received from trustees of Vilas fund	4,150 93
Received from Federal grants	2,011 44
Received from state treasurer, equalization	4,957 26
Received from Langdon tuition	1,543 00
Received from Acworth tuition	2,785 10
Received from Marlow tuition	762 94
Received from Stoddard tuition	220 00
Received from Lempster tuition	80 00
Received from Gilsum tuition	156 48
Received from other tuitions	550 00
Received from rent	280 00
Received from all other sources	51 26
Received from federal government building fund	1,200 00
	\$35,772 45
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	6,564 63
	\$42,337 08
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$42,337 08
Less school board orders paid	38,916 62
	\$3,420 46
Balance on hand June 30, 1947	\$3,420 46

H. L. ESTABROOK,
District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alstead of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

LEON M. TROW,
Auditor.

July 19, 1947.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-49

Budget voted July 1947 for 1947-48	Proposed budget for 1948-49 to be voted March 1948
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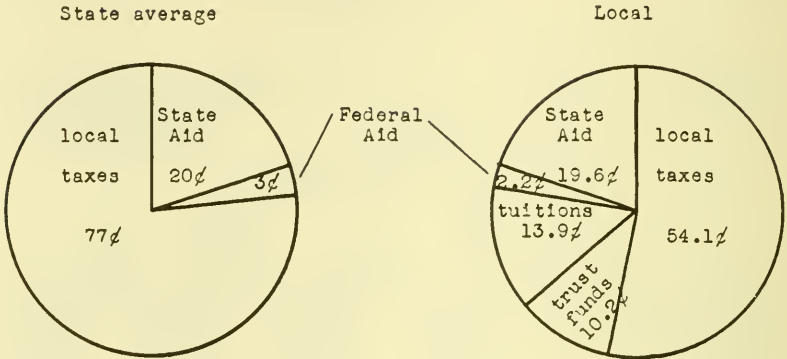
SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

	High		High	
	School	Elem.	School	Elem.
Teachers' salaries	\$13,000 00	\$11,196 00	\$14,700 00	\$13,000 00
Text books	295 00	230 00	300 00	250 00
Supplies	250 00	150 00	275 00	175 00
Flags, other expenses	210 00	55 00	210 00	80 00
Janitor service	1,295 00	661 00	1,240 00	924 00
Fuel	720 00	580 00	1,100 00	600 00
Water, light, etc.	550 00	400 00	900 00	700 00
Health supervision	220 00	280 00	220 00	280 00
Transportation	200 00	6,050 00	200 00	6,050 00
Elementary tuition		185 00		185 00
Other activities	60 00	40 00	60 00	40 00
Minor repairs	1,100 00	250 00	1,100 00	250 00
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	\$17,900 00	\$20,077 00	\$20,305 00	\$22,534 00

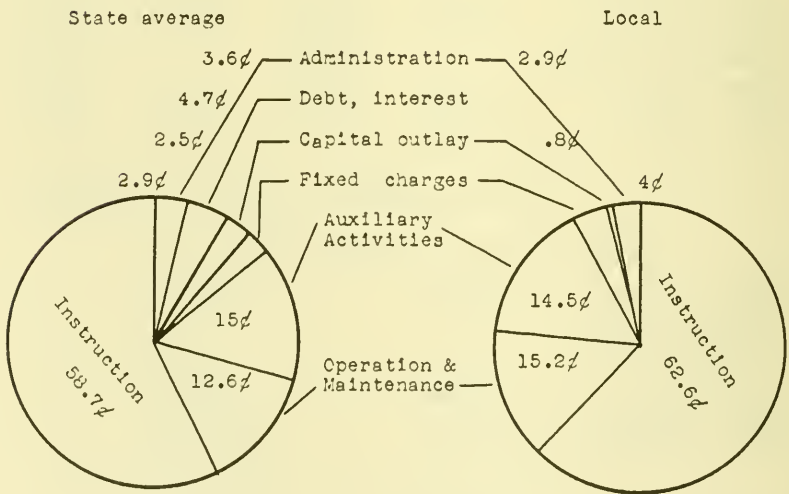
OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

District officers	\$310 00	\$310 00
Superintendent's		
Salary	720 00	720 00
Per capita tax	328 00	308 00
Other obligations	1,195 00	1,866 00
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	2,553 00	3,204 00
Blg. committee	300 00	
Total budget	\$40,830 00	\$46,043 00

Where we estimate our school dollar will come from next year



How we plan to spend our school dollar next year



ESTIMATE OF INCOME

Federal aid	\$700 00	\$1,000 00
State aid	8,000 00	8,586 51
High school tuition	4,500 00	5,500 00
Elementary tuition	800 00	900 00
Dog tax	200 00	199 49
Other income	4,500 00	4,500 00
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	\$18,700 00	\$20,686 00

To be raised by taxation	\$22,130 00	\$25,357 00
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Most of the changes in the budget this year have been made to bring the various items into line with actual costs. Teachers' salaries this year are \$25,300 rather than \$24,196 raised last July. This is due to the fact that some of the contracts had not been negotiated at the time of the meeting, and it was difficult to estimate the exact salaries that would be required. We are including a sum in the proposed budget to provide an increase for each of the teachers. Our average salaries are comparable with those of similar schools throughout the state. Present indications are that salaries will continue to rise for several years if economic conditions continue to change as they have in the last two years.

The cost of textbooks and scholar supplies is greater today than it was a year ago at this time. The average increase is better than 35 per cent.

Last year was the first year that we had had both oil burners going and so had no accurate estimate of the amount of oil we would consume. The price of oil has gone up nearly 50 per cent since last fall. The added use of our buildings for school and veteran activities and the rise in cost of general supplies has caused an increase in the item for water, light and janitor supplies. The past year we spent over \$1,500 and anticipate a similar amount will be spent this year. It is hoped that we can continue our redecorating program in Vilas School and at the same time maintain the present condition of the other two buildings. Repairs this year will cost us

slightly more than we estimated last July but by attending to one or two large items when we did we hope to have saved a larger outlay at a future time.

The expenses under other obligations are as follows: insurance, expenses of the Lawton house, expenses of administration, teachers' and janitors' retirement. This last item has increased considerably this year due to the fact that a new state law requires that all teachers entering service after July 1, 1947 must become members of the Teachers Retirement System. Under the law governing the Teachers Retirement System every town is assessed a certain sum on the total salary of the teachers enrolled in the district.

We anticipate a slightly larger income next year than we had last year. We had to add another section in the Agricultural course, which should result in a net increase in the amount of federal aid for that purpose. State aid payment will be the same that we received this year. We are increasing our tuition in both high school and elementary school for next year. The new rates will be \$100 and \$50. The total increase in the proposed budget is approximately 12 per cent. Most towns in the state anticipate increases from 10 to 20 per cent so that Alstead increases are very close to the increase that the state as a whole will show next year.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I hereby submit my third annual report as superintendent of schools:

We had a comparatively large turnover in Vilas High School faculty this year: Mrs. Rule, Miss Kelliher, Miss Ray, and Miss Wilson all left to assume teaching positions in other systems. They have been replaced by the following persons: Mrs. Josephine Mitchell is teaching languages; Miss Hedwig Wlochowicz is teaching English and social studies and is taking charge of the girls' athletics. Miss Marguerite Stewart is handling the commercial assignment, and Mrs. Frances Metcalf, a former home economics teacher, has returned to take charge of this department. For several years we have felt the need of an additional teacher to help with the increasing enrollment that we have been experiencing. Mr. Ira Stickney of Alexandria, New Hampshire, a graduate of Keene Teachers College, and a man who has had considerable overseas experience in the recent war, is teaching mathematics and assisting with the athletic program. Mrs. Mitchell has had considerable teaching experience in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Miss Wlochowicz and Miss Stewart are both beginning teachers. On the whole, our teaching staff is doing an excellent job and compares favorably with that of any high school in the country.

There are fewer trained teachers available this year than there have been at any other time in our recent experience. The two teachers colleges in New Hampshire are turning out only a mere handful of elementary people. The normal turnover in elementary personnel in this state is from 175 to 250 teachers each year. With only approximately 15 candidates to choose from one can see that the chances of taking care of the normal turnover are very poor. The condition is especially serious because our turnover is not normal but is vastly greater due to the number of married women that we have taking

charge of our classrooms, the number of elderly ladies who have continued on in teaching to help with the present situation, and the younger ones who have been postponing their marriages. Just what the solution to this problem is, is difficult to say. Unless something can be done within the near future to increase the number of teachers, the children of our country are going to suffer in their education.

Because we made arrangements last fall, we were able to have considerable painting and redecorating done in the Vilas school during the summer. The building had reached a state where something had to be done or a great deal of major repair work would be required to bring the building back to its original condition. During the war years it was impossible to obtain material and labor. Two years ago we included an amount to cover some repair work in our budget. As was pointed out in our report of last year, it was impossible to get the labor. We have made tentative arrangements for continuing our program of reconditioning during the next year and hope that sufficient funds will be made available so that we may be able to keep our building in first class condition. Experience has shown that it is cheaper to maintain buildings in top condition than it is to let them run down and then try to bring them up again. We were able to get some much needed work done on the Vilas roof, particularly in the valleys and the hips. Due to the construction of the building, and particularly to the type of storms which we experienced last winter, considerable quantities of ice formed on the roof, causing run backs and a slight amount of leakage in the building. As the ice came off the roof it pulled quite a number of shingles loose. Last summer we had the shingles cut back and flashing added which should do considerable to eliminate the trouble we have had in the past.

It was found necessary to replace the return pipes to the boiler during the summer. Corrosion had eaten the pipes to such an extent that practically nothing was left of them. The heating system has been checked and is operating much more efficiently than it has in the past. The usual seasonal repairs have been made. We are fortunate in having such a capable and efficient custodial staff.

The increased enrollment in Vilas school made it necessary to supply a new roomful of furniture to take care of them. We are still somewhat crowded having to use the typewriting room and laboratory for home rooms, and also having to have part of a class using the home economics clothing workshop for a study hall. It is becoming increasingly evident that the room now occupied by the fifth and sixth grades must be made available for the use of the high school. The need for a new elementary building to house the first six grades is increasing rapidly.

The hot lunch program is becoming more important each year. At the present time we are feeding between 125 and 150 pupils daily in the Vilas school. The lunches are prepared under the direction of Mrs. Kelley, with the cooperation of the home economics department. Several items of new equipment have been added to the facilities this year and others will have to be added from time to time. One of the greatest needs is for a new gas range and ovens. The present stove is old and small. It was overhauled this year and is giving better service than in the past, but it does not have the surface facilities to allow for the preparation of food for such large groups. There is also need for a larger preparation center and dishwashing equipment. This year an agent of the State Board of Health has inspected the school lunch program. He was favorably impressed with everything but dishwashing. The regulations require four separate operations and do not allow the use of hand towels in drying the utensils.

The lunch program at the Village school is being carried out very successfully under the direction of Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Mitchell, who prepare the food at their homes and deliver it to the school at the proper time. We are very grateful to the various mothers who have donated food and have assisted in the program. The East Alstead school lunch program is being carried on as a community affair with the various parents and other interested neighbors donating hot food and canned goods for the children's noon lunch.

We have continued our program of increasing playground equipment by adding more see-saws, frames, new swings, and

other small items both in the Village and in the East Alstead schools. The re-grading done at the East Alstead school has made a big difference in the playground, and has also helped materially in keeping the school clean.

The building committee has been active during the year. They have selected a site, chosen an architect, made a contact with the federal government for the loan of money to have plans and specifications drawn up for a new building, and have had a number of conferences with the architect. The plans for the building are nearly completed. Conditions are not favorable for immediate construction at this time but it is hoped that before too long construction can be started, because the present facilities both at the Village school and at Vilas do not allow your children to have the best education that is possible. Over 50 per cent of the towns in New Hampshire are planning new schools as soon as conditions warrant. Many of these communities have already sold bonds and have the money ready for use as soon as material and other conditions are right for construction. It would be a wise move at this time for the Alstead school district to authorize the school board to sell bonds to care for building needs. Interest rates have increased somewhat from last year. Present indications are that they will increase more or less steadily from now on.

The current report of the State Board of Education shows that our high school costs are somewhat lower than the state average. Our costs rose only 21 per cent last year while those of other communities rose, some as much as 40 per cent. With the cost of every item going up it is only natural to expect school costs will rise comparably. Last year the State Board of Education established a minimum salary for teachers. An analysis of our salary scale showed that six of our teachers were below this figure, necessitating our re-writing their contracts to bring them up to the minimum. Our teachers' salaries compare favorably with those of other schools of similar size, that is, for this current year. However, if we are to maintain our present teaching staff we must grant them increases another year in line with increases being granted both in this state and throughout the country.

The new state aid law passed by the legislature at its last session has enabled Alstead to maintain its educational facilities without asking for as large an increase in local taxation as would have otherwise occurred.

The revision of the Municipal Bond Statute makes it possible for most of the towns in the state to borrow enough money to build a new schoolhouse. Under the original provision a school district could bond itself not exceeding two per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property. This would mean that a town like Alstead could have raised only about \$16,000. The new act allows five per cent in any instance, and up to eight per cent if a strong case be made to a board of investigation and the governor and council. This makes it possible for a town like Alstead to raise up to \$65,000 or \$70,000 if necessary, with the approval of the special investigating force. The old act was written at a time when building costs were relatively low, but with today's high prices hardly a district in the state outside of the cities would be able to do any kind of school house construction. The new act is an indication that our legislators are keeping up with the times and doing their best to keep our laws workable.

Another act which will have considerable significance in the coming year—the so-called cooperative school district act—makes it possible for local school districts through local initiative, to join together and establish more effective school units. Under the provisions of this act, as many as ten or twelve different school districts may join together to form a cooperative school district. They may pool their resources for the construction of new buildings making it possible for a number of small towns to have one large school adequate enough to assure superior training in all the fundamentals, and at the same time provide opportunities for specialized work in art, music, practical arts, and recreation. It will also be large enough to attract and hold well-trained teachers and personnel.

We in Alstead have somewhat the same situation with our Vilas High School in that we are providing training to boys and girls from half a dozen different towns. If some of these towns were to combine with Alstead in the formation of a

cooperative school district, it is possible that still greater efficiency and more in the way of educational offerings could be had.

HEALTH

Health inspection showed the following defects:

248 pupils were inspected, all pupils from the seventh to twelfth grade were given a physical examination by Dr. Tatem of Walpole.

6 pupils were overweight.

8 pupils showed substandard weight.

8 pupils showed defective vision—uncorrected.

15 pupils showed poor posture.

134 pupils were in need of dental care.

18 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examinations by their family physician.

8 pupils had flat feet.

191 pupils were given hearing tests—4 pupils were found to have defective hearing.

A dental clinic was held May 22 and 23, 1947. Work was done as follows:

Number of pupils treated	31
Number having teeth cleaned	23
Number having porcelain fillings	9
Number having silver fillings	19
Number having temporary teeth extracted	5
Number having permanent teeth extracted	4
62 pupils had their teeth cared for by their own dentist.	
7 pupils were fitted to glasses.	
2 pupils had tonsil and adenoid operations.	

SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 5, 1948

Vilas High School	114
Vilas Junior High	46
Village Primary 1-2	26
Village Elementary 3-4	14
Village Elementary 5-6	28
East Alstead	13

Tuition pupils are enrolled as follows:

	High	Junior High	Elementary
Aeworth	24	11	2
Langdon	20	1	7
Marlow	13		
Stoddard	1		
Drewsville	2	2	
Gilsum	3		
Lempster	1		
Charlestown	1		
Total	65	14	9

Elementary pupils enrolled in schools outside the district:

Gilsum Village	5
Drewsville	1
Total	6

VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT 1947

Sixteen students were graduated last June, nine girls and seven boys. Three girls are attending college; one is training for a nurse; one is married; and four are working. Three boys are attending college; one is attending preparatory school; one is in Army training; and two are working.

Several students are taking correspondence courses through the University of Nebraska Extension Service. Courses being taken are Latin, Spanish, Automotive Mechanics, and Sketching.

The Vilas High School basketball team was invited for the fourth time in succession to compete in the Class C tournament, held at Durham. The team won its first game by defeating Ashland High School but lost out in the semi-finals to Simonds Frec High School of Warner. Gale Bath was chosen as a member of the All-State tournament team.

The Senior Class journeyed to Laconia, N. H. for their annual two-day class trip.

The Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Girls Council, and Vilas Athletic Association have had a very enjoyable year so far.

The moving picture projector has been very busy, for many instructional films have been shown to various classes.

The Otis self-administering tests have been given, and nearly all students in high school have taken the Kuder Preference Record. This test is given to determine the various interests of each student.

The Annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter get-together was held and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Over one hundred students in the high school were given an annual physical examination by Doctor Tatem. The results showed a very healthy group of students; all are physically fit to participate in our physical education program.

The long sought for electric score board has been obtained and has been placed in the northwest corner of the auditorium. The athletic department of Keene High School were very generous in allowing us to purchase it for sixty dollars. The school wishes to thank all contributors who made it possible for us to have this scoreboard.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Marion Both and Gale, a beautiful trophy, known as the "Dick Bath Memorial," is to be awarded annually to the boy who makes the largest percentage of his foul shots during the regular season.

Ellen Mansell won the Annual American Legion Oratorical Contest. The Annual American Legion Auxiliary essays were written and Betty Rogers came out first, Jean Murdock, second, and Annie Molesky, third.

Richard Mansell, David Holmes, and Theodore Lusby took the test offered by the Navy College Training Program.

Two seniors, Jean Murdock and Barbara Ball, took the Annual Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Test this fall.

Basketball season opened with engagements with both Walpole and Charlestown. This was followed by softball, tennis, and volleyball. Tumbling was very popular and Ex-

hibition was held during the "Father-Son, Mother-Daughter Night."

Realizing that a sound mind should have a sound body, Vilas girls have continued their program in athletics. As in former years the Girls Council elected by the girls student body, was organized this fall.

Play Day was held during the scholastic year with neighboring schools attending. These, like all other athletic events, served to develop an attitude of cooperation and leadership. The girls are taught that sportsmanship applies to all phases of life and not only to athletics.

A review of New Hampshire—its history, its government, its facilities, and its outstanding citizens—was chosen as the theme for four essays at the graduation of the class of 1947.

We were reminded of the important incidents throughout the critical stages of the state's development; of the conservative nature of the state; of her infinite riches in the beauty of her scenery, in the glory of her sea, and in the granite of her hills; and, finally of her outstanding citizens in literature, government, and everyday society.

Mildred DeMond and Dana Merrill were chosen as the representatives for the Granite State held at the University of New Hampshire. June 6-12. This is sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

Rodney Bascom, Dorrance Libby, Richard Mansell, and Marie Whippie attended the New Hampshire Music Festival which was held at Rochester, New Hampshire.

William Holway was the only musician chosen from New Hampshire to attend the F. F. A. Convention, which was held at Kansas City, Missouri.

Beginning December 1, 1947, the hot lunch program was started. It will continue until spring vacation.

An average of one hundred thirty lunches have been served daily.

Type A lunch is served. The requirements of this lunch are one-half pint of milk, 2 ounces protein food (egg, meat,

fish, cheese, peanut butter, dried beans or peas), one or more slices of bread, three-fourths cup of vegetable or fruit or one-half cup of each, oleo or butter.

The cost of each lunch, including the milk, is twenty cents. Tickets can be bought daily or weekly. We attempt to make this program self-supporting. This is a typical menu:

Scalloped Tuna	Tomato Juice
Bread	Oleo
Peaches	Milk

Each month our state supervisor sends a newsletter including a list of abundant foods. We use as many of the abundant foods as possible.

One of the projects of importance has been a survey of eating habits. This survey was taken in the grades from Junior High and Senior High Home Economics.

This survey can be of value to parents as well as pupils. The standard used in judging our three day record is based upon the "Basic Seven" food groups.

It is strongly recommended that we eat the following foods each day: green and yellow vegetables, potatoes, milk, meat, fish, poultry or some other protein, enriched or whole grain bread or cereals, butter or fortified margarine.

The results of this survey showed that out of fifty-three diets, forty per cent rated good, thirty per cent fair and thirty percent were poor.

A diet without milk or milk products could not be considered even fair. Eight records were without milk. The food groups represented the least were: citrus fruits, green and yellow vegetables, eggs and butter or margarine.

The diets rated well in potatoes, meat, bread, and cereals.

We were pleased to welcome the largest group ever to enroll in the Agricultural course at Vilas. There are now forty-three boys in the course, 91 per cent of the total boy enrollment. An extra class was instituted for the freshmen; we are now offering Agriculture I, Agriculture II, and Agriculture III and IV. Previously, Agriculture II and III have been alternated

each year with Agriculture I and IV. The distribution is very satisfactory this year with seventeen freshmen, fourteen sophomores, seven juniors, and five seniors in the classes.

As is customary, the boys found much to do the first day back at school, for the Cheshire Fair exhibit had to be worked out, and the State F. F. A. Judging Contest had to be arranged.

Many boys came home from Cheshire Fair with awards from their exhibit projects. One boy with several exhibits won a total of \$47.00.

A dairy team of four boys and a poultry team of four boys were entered in competition at Cheshire Fair. Two boys from each team won, in their respective competitions, the opportunity to judge at the Eastern States North Atlantic F. F. A. Judging Contest at the Eastern States Exhibition. Herbert Lamb, a member of the State dairy team, brought back a plaque offered by the Guernsey Cattle Club of America for the team that scored highest in judging Guernsey cattle.

The Annual School Fair was sponsored on October 2nd on the school grounds by the F. F. A. and the Home Economics classes.

The Vilas Chapter of Future Farmers of America has had a successful year. Three boys have been raised to the degree of State Farmer. The chapter now has two members who are State Association officers, the vice-president and treasurer. The local organization again raised enough money to pay half fare for two members to go to the National F. F. A. Convention, held in Kansas City, Missouri. Two of these boys were sent by the State, expenses paid, as the State representatives, one to play in the National F. F. A. Band; the other, one of the two voting delegates that New Hampshire sent. These boys attended the famous American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City; Swift's plant; the Chicago Stock Yards; the International Harvester plant in Chicago; and the Chicago Museum on Natural History.

On January 23, the group held the Annual F. F. A. Father-Son Banquet at the high school. The banquet speakers were Professor Morrow, head of the dairy department at U. N. H.;

Mr. Ahern and Mr. Colby, county agents of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties, respectively; and Mr. Stacey Cole, farm director of WKNE. The food was prepared and served in an excellent manner by the Home Economics department and Mrs. Kelly. Such an evening aims to provide for a closer understanding with, and a cooperative spirit between the community and the school.

The classroom work has followed a four-year plan enabling the boys to become increasingly familiar and proficient with the problems facing the New Hampshire farmer. Unfortunately, field trips have been limited as a result of the large number of classes and the lack of transportation facilities.

Our shop continues to be a practical approach to a phase of agriculture which is fast becoming important to the modern farmers. The maintaining and the repairing of farm machinery, which is now absorbing a large part of his capital investment on the farm.

VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1947.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.					
Feb. 28	Kenneth A.	M	1	Kenneth Wesson	Ruby I. Willis	Carpenter	Phillipston, Ms.	Phillipston, Ms.
" 7	Ronald C.	M	1	Richard A. Stanley	Marion I. Barber	Mechanic	Lunenburg, Vt.	West Halifax, Vt.
June 9	Michael L.	M	1	Holland S. Sherman	Evelyn A. Cole	U. S. N.	Stuart, Fla.	Bartonsville, Vt.
Oct. 11	Virginia R.	F	1	Vincent V. Sherman	Mary M. Kirker	Machinist	Boston, Ms.	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Dec. 23	Judith H.	F	1	Arthur J. St. Pierre	Ruth C. Wentworth	Carpenter	Newton, Ms.	Westbrook, Me.
July 23	John H.	M	1	William B. Renz	Louise M. Matzen	Truck driver	Hamburg, Germany	New York, N. Y.
" 31	John H.	M	1	Ralph F. Renzelman	Margaret L. Gassett	Farmer	Pittsfield, Mass.	Longbranch, N. J.
Sept. 30	Alan T.	M	1	Paul M. Owen	Ida M. Acree	Gunsmith	Tampa, Fla.	Huntington, Ind.
Jan. 19	Linda F.	F	1	Wallace P. Nowak	Patricia A. Browning	Student	So. Brewer, Me.	Walpole
Sept. 15	Arthur D.	M	1	Ellsw'h W. Matthews	Leola M. Coburn	Farmer	Weathersfield, Vt.	Greensboro, Vt.
June 20	Elizabeth A.	F	1	Jos. R. Lukkevich	LaBlanche A. Files	Miner	Rochester	Alstead
Sept. 9	Irma B.	F	1	Floyd C. LaFoe	Elizabeth L. Johnson	Laborer	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Greensboro, Vt.
Oct. 25	Debra A.	F	1	Donald W. Libby	Glady's L. McCue	Grocer	Williamstown, Vt.	Houlton, Me.
" 25	Doreen E.	F	1	Donald W. Libby	Glady's L. McCue	Grocer	Williamstown, Vt.	Houlton, Me.
Jan. 8	Patricia A.	F	1	George E. Henry	Eleanor M. Seavey	Machinist	Williamstown, Vt.	Alstead
" 9	Susan H.	F	1	Carlton H. Clark	Evelyn A. Hawksley	Contractor	Brookton, Ms.	Ft. Fairfield, Me.
May 12	Crystal J.	F	1	Fred G. Carman	Junice M. Spaulding	Contractor	Pittsfield, Ms.	So. Newbury, Vt.
Aug. 23	Judith A.	F	1	Willard R. Burroughs	Ellathine E. Pratt	Carpenter	Alstead	East Alstead
Feb. 19	Fred J., 3rd	M	1	Fred J. Ayer, Jr.	Irene R. Yuhas	Trucking	Alstead	Everett, Ms.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
1947 Jan. 24	Charlestown	Robert D. Zohner Eleanor C. Bowhay	Westminster, Vt. Alstead	27 21	Vault mgr. College work	Beacon, N. Y. Alstead	Robert D. Zaner Richard E. Bowhay	Brooklyn, N. Y. Stony Creek, Ct.	1st 1st	Rv L C Reed Charlestown
Mar. 2	Alstead	David F. Walsh Mary E. Pratt	Cambridge, Ms. Alstead	26 19	Student Dentistry	Cambridge, Ms. Alstead	James E. Walsh Carl H. Pratt	Boston, Ms. Keene	1st 1st	Rv V L Booker Alstead
Sept. 1	Walpole	Bert Wright Irene A. Comstock	Walpole Alstead	39 39	Creamery At home	S. Charlestown Alstead	Geo. W. Wright Geo. H. Comstock	Charlestown Alstead	2d 1st	Rv R E Kyper Walpole
June 22	So. Charlestown	Leland F. Stanley Dorothy B. Zetterquist	Alstead Alstead	21 25	Garage At home	Acworth Houlton, Me.	Frank Stanley Owen H. Libby	W. Halifax, Vt. Ft. Fairfield, Me.	1st 2d	Rv V L Booker Alstead
June 21	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John C. Stevens Margaret Squibb	Walpole Alstead	26 26	Student Farmer	P'ghkeepsie, N. Y. Orange, N. J.	Neil C. Stevens Edward R. Squibb	S. Orange, N. J. Brooklyn, N. Y.	1st 1st	Rv G P Huntington Bellows Falls, Vt.
Feb. 23	Acworth	Ernest E. Rhoades Mabel L. Clark	Alstead Alstead	25 21	Truck driver Nurse	Alstead Alstead	Earl P. Rhoades Hugh D. Clark	Marlow Alstead	1st 1st	Rv W C Goodwin Acworth
Mar. 23	Acworth	Clayton G. Roy Patricia L. Haskins	Acworth Alstead	22 18	Farmer At home	S. Charlestown Williamstown, Vt.	Raymond W. Roy Ralph W. Emerson	Westport, Ct. Duxbury, Vt.	1st 1st	Rv W C Goodwin Acworth
July 6	Alstead	Edwin O. Pratt Claire L. Hawksley	Alstead Langdon	20 20	Paper finisher At home	Alstead Groveton	Oscar F. Pratt Clayton Hawksley	Alstead Mars Hill, Me.	1st 1st	Rv V L Booker Alstead

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition [*]	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom mar- ried.
July 19	Keene	Edward P. Nowak	Alstead	24	Woodworker	Acworth	Paul Nowak	Poland	1st	Rv J A Belford
		Ethel M. Ellis	Keene	22	Office clerk	Pawcatuck, Ct.	Charles R. Ellis	Westerly, R.I.	1st	Keene
Apr. 6	So. Acworth	Floyd LaFoe	Bellows Falls, Vt.	20	Carpenter	Greensboro, Vt.	Leon L. LaFox	Canada	1st	Rv J E Church- ill
		Elizabeth L. Johnson	Alstead	21	At home	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Chas. A. Johnson	Terrytown, N. Y.	1st	Acworth
June 22	Alstead	Felix Landry	Brockton, Ms.	42	Mechanic	Canada	Peter R. Landry	Canada	2d	Rv V L Booker
		Mary M. Horton	Brockton, Ms.	43	Sales clerk	Piermont	John P. Metcalf	Piermont	2d	Acworth
June 14	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Anthony F. Karpinski	Bellows Falls, Vt.	21	Carpenter	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Antoni Karpinski	Poland	1st	Rv P J Orcezh
		Dorothy E. Evans	Alstead	19	Sales clerk	Barre, Vt.	Isaac Evans	Ashland	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Jan. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Warren G. Hubley	Marlow	25	Marker	Medford, Ms.	Frank W. Hubley	Charlestown, Ms.	2d	Rv G B Owen
		Ruth J. Hayes	Alstead	27	Secretary	Alstead	Wm. D. Hayes	No. Walpole	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
June 22	Acworth	Wm. P. Grout	Alstead	18	Spray opr.	Walpole	Jesse N. Grout	Keene	1st	Rv W C Good- win
		Beulah M. Murdough	Acworth	18	At home	Marlow	Fred Murdough	Marlow	1st	Acworth
May 4	E. Alstead	Frank E. Clark, Jr.	Alstead	26	Telephone const.	Alstead	Frank E. Clark	Alstead	1st	Rv E W Bascom
		Doxcen B. Jones	Birmingham, Eng.	18	Candy mkr.	Birmingham, Eng.	Andrew Jones	Wales, British Isles	1st	Acworth
Mar. 22	Keene	Thos. T. Boardman	Gilsum	27	Lumberman	Hanover	Jos. Boardman	Danville, Vt.	1st	Rv G C Wil- liams
		Lillian A. Wheeler	Alstead	18	At home	Keene	Clifford Wheeler	Bolton, Ms.	1st	Keene

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	*	Father.	Mother.		
1947											
Feb. 10	Ronald C. Stanley	57		3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	M	S	W. Halifax, Vt.	Lunenburg, Vt.	Richard A. Stanley	Marion I. Barber
" 20	John M. Sonosky	61	9	19	Poland	M	M	Poland	Poland	John Sonosky	— Domborski
July 9	Rose B. Smith	75	5	19	Henniker	F	M	Illinois	Croydon	Edward Baine	Lillian Spooner
Apr. 28	Charles Freihofner	91	5	8	Boston, Ms.	M	W	Germany	Germany	Karl Freihofner	Katherine Gerbeck
June 17	Nella J. Bates				West Fairlee, Vt.	F	W	U. S. A.	U. S. A.	Sullivan Rogers	Mary A. Berry
**											
June 2	Rosella M. Emerson	78	7	24		F					
May 26	(Stillborn) Pratt										
Mar. 6	Esther M. Gilman	76	7	6		F					

*Single, married or widowed. **Brought to town for burial.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,
Town Clerk.

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagration we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient to properly equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the traveling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

F. J. BAKER,
District Chief.

Number of Fires, 1.
Acreage Burned, 3½.
Number of Fire Permits issued, 12.

MAURICE C. PITCHER,
Forest Fire Warden.